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Rio Rancho Couple Pleads Guilty To Tax Evasion Charges

SANTA FE - Gary and Anita Crosley, both of Rio Rancho, pleaded guilty to tax evasion and conspiracy to commit tax evasion on Tuesday before District Judge George P. Eichwald of the Thirteenth Judicial District in Sandoval County.

The case was scheduled for trial that morning, but as the jury pool was about to be selected, the Crosleys agreed to enter a last-minute plea, and each pleaded guilty to charges of tax evasion.

“This case should send a strong message to those who deliberately avoid paying their fair share of taxes. We will aggressively pursue them and bring the full weight of the law against them,” said Alvan Romero, Director of the Taxation & Revenue Department’s Tax Fraud Investigations Division.

Gary Crosley pleaded guilty to one count of attempts to evade or defeat tax, a fourth degree felony. He was sentenced to supervised probation for 18 months and ordered to file his current and future tax returns. He was also ordered to pay the \$6,626.00 of his share of the taxes due to the state for the years that were charged in the original indictment.

Anita Crosley pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit or attempt to evade or defeat tax, a misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 364 days of supervised probation and was also ordered to file and pay her current and future taxes and pay \$6,626.00.

The Crosleys were indicted in April 2008 by a Sandoval County Grand Jury on two counts each of tax evasion for failing to file and pay taxes for the tax years 2004 and 2005.

The case was a result of an investigation by the Department’s Tax Fraud Investigations Division, and was prosecuted by the Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney’s Office in Bernalillo.

To report suspected tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.